



**Health Professions Education Foundation
Board of Trustees
Program Committee Meeting
October 26, 2006
9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Los Angeles, CA**

MINUTES

Committee Members:

Present: Richard Fantozzi, M.D., Chair; Diana Bontá, R.N., Dr. P.H.; Mary Canobbio, R.N., M.N., F.A.A.N.; Barbara Johnston, M.S.N.; Linda Lucks; Barbara Yaroslavsky

Absent: Brenda Jackson Drake, J.D.; Robert Hertzka, M.D.; Deepak K. Rajpoot, M.D.

Quorum present: Yes

Others Present:

Board of Trustees: David Carlisle, M.D., Ph.D., Jimmy Hara, M.D.

Council of Advisors: Larry Baum

Staff: Brenda Russell, Interim Manager; Monique Scott, Program Director; Margarita Miranda; James Hall; Karen Doran; Karen Isenhower

OSHPD Staff: Elizabeth Wied, Chief Counsel

Guests: Jeremiah Tilles, M.D., Associate Dean, UC Irvine, Department of Medicine; Ellen Lewis, Director Student Training Center, College of Medicine, Nursing Advancement; Linda Whitney, Medical Board of California

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 9:45 a.m. by Chair Fantozzi.
- Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and members introduced themselves.

Approval of the June 1, 2006 minutes

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the June 1, 2006 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Introduction of Brenda Russell, Interim Manager, HPEF

- Chair Fantozzi introduced Brenda Russell, Interim Manager of the Health Professions Education Foundation. Ms. Russell mentioned that she was asked by Dr. Carlisle to assist the Health Professions Education Foundation as the Interim Manager. She added that she has 16 years of administrative experience with a financial and analytical background.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

- Chair Fantozzi introduced Linda Whitney, Legislative Analyst with the Medical Board who was the previous administrator of the Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program (STLRP) and the Volunteer Physician Program (VPP). Ms. Whitney informed the Committee that the Medical Board was developing a MOU which would potentially be an agreement between the Medical Board and the Foundation to assist and ease the transition of the STLRP and VPP.

Program Report Updates

- Monique Scott, Program Director, gave the Committee an overview of the Foundation's spring 2006 funding cycle for each of the Foundation's programs and explained the selection process. Committee Member Yaroslavsky requested that staff provide to the Committee statistical information that highlights the Foundation's awards over a five year period to demonstrate who received awards and where awardees are practicing. She explained this information would be helpful to the Development Committee in identifying fundraising goals and priorities.
- Committee Member Canobbio mentioned that the Foundation includes award summaries in the annual report.
- Chair Fantozzi mentioned that at the next meeting the Committee will need to establish a selection committee for the Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program.
- Ms. Scott also informed the Committee that regulations for the Vocational Nurse Scholarship and Loan Repayment have been approved. She also mentioned that the Licensed Mental Health Service Provider Education regulations are currently being developed.

Discussion Regarding the Kaiser Foundation and the University of California

- Committee Member Bontá mentioned that Ehealth is evolving rapidly and on a daily basis. The Kaiser Foundation and the University of California are interested in implementing Ehealth within their educational facilities.

Advisory Council

- AB920 (Aghazarian) that transfers the Stephen M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program requires the foundation to establish and consult with a seven member advisory committee. Of the seven members, two shall be members recommended by the California Medical Association. Chair Fantozzi suggested one person from Kaiser be appointed to the committee to provide guidance in the development of the California Physician Corps Programs. The California Medical Association may also make recommendations for potential members.

Nursing Volunteer Program

- Committee Member Canobbio provided information to the Committee about UCLA's nursing volunteer program.

UCI New Nursing Program

- Dr. Jeremiah Tilles informed the Committee about the new UC Irvine undergraduate nursing program that currently has 28 students. Next, Dr. Tilles introduced the committee to Ellen Lewis who inspired the program. Ms. Lewis commented that the enrollment will increase from 28 to 50 in the 2nd quarter and within 5 years will host 150 students. Ms. Lewis mentioned the community support that helped to start the program.

Pharmacy Loan Repayment Update

- Ms. Whitney mentioned to the Committee that the Pharmacy Loan Repayment Program may be a possible growth potential for the Foundation. Pharmacists are interested in a potential program and may want to house their own program or may seek to place the program within the Foundation. There is currently no legislation pending for such a proposal.
- Ms. Whitney also mentioned that the Dental Board has its own loan repayment program established in statute.

Telemedicine on Interactive Education Product Software Program

- Committee Member Johnston presented information to the Committee on Telemedicine with the EHealth Center to extend education in underserved areas. EHealth provides opportunities for distant learning in rural and remote sites throughout California and could be used for continuing medical education or for physicians to communicate with patients. A handout was provided that illustrates the cost of establishing an EHealth site.
- Chair Fantozzi mentioned that the initial start up cost with a laptop and screen for approximately 50 people would be cost effective and could be used for nursing education. He also added that there are endless possibilities for EHealth.

Budget for Volunteer Education Program

- Chair Fantozzi mentioned that there are no parameters to the Volunteer Physician Program. It could be widely used by physicians/nurses that are willing and available voluntarily provide education via technology to where it's needed.
- Dr. Carlisle said one of the issues of providing service in the underserved areas is attrition and lack of recruitment due to intellectual isolation. Additionally, he advised that there are logistical issues with regard to State contract procedures that will need to be addressed as the program is implemented.
- Dr. Carlisle said OSHPD could provide a detailed presentation on shortage area communities designated by the Federal Shortage Designation Branch and the California Healthcare Workforce Policy Commission.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.